

and

- provide an annual report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the department's educational and career-readiness programs for inmates; and

- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

64-13-48, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **64-13-48** is enacted to read:

64-13-48. Educational and career-readiness programs.

(1) The department shall, in accordance with Subsection 64-13-6(1)(c), ensure that appropriate evidence-based and evidence-informed educational or career-readiness programs are made available to an inmate as soon as practicable after the ~~H~~→ [completion] creation ←H of the inmate's case action plan.

(2) The department shall provide incarcerated women with substantially equivalent educational and career-readiness opportunities as incarcerated men.

(3) Before an inmate begins an educational or career-readiness program, the department shall provide reasonable access to resources necessary for an inmate to apply for grants or other available financial aid that may be available to pay for the inmate's program.

(4) (a) The department shall consider an inmate's current participation in an educational or career-readiness program when the department makes a decision with regard to an inmate's:

(i) transfer to another area or facility; or

(ii) appropriate disciplinary sanction.

(b) When possible, the department shall use best efforts to allow an inmate to continue